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SUBJECT: HOKKAIDO FISHERY REPS TO ATTEND LOS CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: SIX REPRESENTATIVES OF HOKKAIDO FISHERY INDUSTRY
PLAN TO OBSERVE LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK TO QTE ADVISE
UNQTE OFFICIAL JAPANESE DELEGATION AND TO COLLECT INFORMATION.
END SUMMARY

2. SIX REPRESENTATIVES OF HOKKAIDO FISHERY INDUSTRY PLAN TO
ATTEND FORTHCOMING LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK FROM MARCH 15 TO
MAY 7: MASAO AOKI, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE HOKKAIDO LOS
COUNTERMEASURE COMMITTEE; TSUNEZO SETO, PRESIDENT OF HOKKAIDO
STEAMSHIP FEDERATION.

JUNKICHI KANEHIRA, PRESIDENT OF HOKKAIDO FEDERATION OF
FISHING COOPERATIVES; TAKEO MIYOSHI, PRESIDENT
OF HOKKAIDO FISHERY ASSOCIATION; TEIJI ASARI, PRESIDENT OF HOKKAIDO
FEDERATION OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION; AND MASAO ONETA,
DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL AFFAIRS OFFICE OF HOKKAIDO FEDERATION

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OF FISHING COOPERATIVES PD

3. AOKI TOLD CONSULATE REP ON MARCH 4 THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP TO NEW YORK IS TO OBSERVE LOS PROCEEDINGS AND TO REPRESENT HOKKAIDO'S FISHING INTERESTS. HE ADDED THAT GROUP WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OFFICIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION AND WILL STRIVE TO GUIDE I TOWARD POSITIONS BENEFICIAL TO HOKKAIDO FISHING INDUSTRY.

4. AOKI AND SETO PLAN TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK MARCH 14. AND AOKI WILL REMAIN UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL 20 OR POSSIBLY UNTIL CLOSE OF CONFERENCE ON MAY 7. OTHERS WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 2 AND RETURN TO JAPAN ON OR ABOUT APRIL 10. WHILE IN NEW YORK. GROUP WILL STAY AT KITANO HOTEL EXCEPT FOR KANEHIRA WHOSE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE HANDLED BY MITSUBISHI TRADING COMPANY IN NEW YORK.

5. COMMENT: HOKKAIDO FISHERMEN ACCOUNT FOR SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 25 PERCENT OF TOTAL JAPANESE CATCH OF THIS SHARE. HALF COMES FROM WATERS WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED IN 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONES (MAINLY RUSSIAN).

UNLIKE FIRMS ELSEWHERE IN JAPAN. THOSE IN HOKKAIDO ARE SMALLER OPERATORS WHO ARE ESPECIALLY FEARFUL OF ADVERSE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES DERIVING FROM ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ZONES OF 200 MILE ZONE QTE WITH CONDITIONS WHICH WILL PROTECT QTE VESTED RIGHT OF ESTABLISHED FISHING OPERATIONS IN AREAS TO BE AFFECTED PD. THEREFORE, LOS TO LOBBY FOR THEIR PURPOSE AT LOS CONFERENCE. LOCAL FISHERY PEOPLE VIEW ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH ZONES AS INEVITABLE PD. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE OPPOSED, HOWEVER. LOCAL FISHERY PEOPLE VIEW ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH ZONES AS INEVITABLE PD. IN ADDITION. IN ORDER TO PROTECT JAPANESE COASTAL FISHERMEN FROM RUSSIAN INCURSIONS. THEY BACK ESTABLISHMENT OF 12 MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS.

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